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# INSIGNA 360° LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT ENGLISH

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# GET TO KNOW THE 360° LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

## WHAT IS THE INSIGNA 360° LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT?

The INSIGNA 360° LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT is a tool that allows to determine the professional's communicative performance in social and, especially, professional contexts. The assessment is not intended to measure content directly (that is, how well test takers know the topic). Instead, it is designed to examine how the professional communicates in social contexts, in their ability to respond to everyday communication needs; in professional contexts, in their ability to interact in corporate oral and written situations; as well as in cultural contexts, in their ability to perceive cultural differences in order to act and interact accordingly.

## WHAT SKILLS DOES THE INSIGNA 360° LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT COVER?

The employee is assessed in the following skills: written comprehension (**reading**), written production (**writing**), oral comprehension (**listening**) and oral production (**speaking**). The component "use of language", which encompasses grammar and vocabulary, is also assessed.

The skills are assessed through multiple-choice tasks as well as through written and oral tasks (constructed response).

## WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS EMPLOYED IN THE ASSESSMENT?

The Insigna 360° Language Assessment uses the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)* as a reference for describing the professional's level of linguistic performance in each of the skills. The CEFR provides an international base of comparison of language proficiency in a foreign language.

It is estimated that a language learner needs to take an average of 50 hours of formal instruction and 20 hours of guided study and/or exposure to the language in order to evolve one level within the Insigna Framework.

## HOW IS THE GLOBAL SCORE IN THE INSIGNA FRAMEWORK CALCULATED?

The global score is calculated based on a weighted average of the scores in each skill.

When assessed, the writing and speaking skills have a greater weight, as these skills require the production of language.

Since the Insigna 360 language assessment presupposes a balanced level of performance across the four skills, when such balance is not identified, the speaking skill will determine the test-taker's overall performance. In such case, the report will note that: *"The speaking score determined the global performance level because there was not the necessary balance among the four language skills assessed."*

## INSIGNA FRAMEWORK | CEFR

### PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION



50 hours of formal instruction +  
20 hours of contact with the language



## DISCOVER YOUR RESULTS

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Assessment taken remotely without proctor supervision

March 2024 | Result valid for: 6 months

GLOBAL PERFORMANCE: **B2+.1**

OVERALL SCORE: **65 / 100**



Within corporate settings, professionals at the levels of band B2+ can: - deal with the vast majority of routine requests for goods and services; - follow discussions and take part in a video conference in a small group within own work area, ask for clarification or elaboration where these are not expressed clearly, with occasional misunderstanding of facts; - deliver a prepared presentation on a familiar topic, for example a product, and answer predictable questions; - make some contribution to meetings on practical matters, for example problem-solving, and express their own opinion, presenting arguments to a limited extent.

Within general settings, professionals at the levels of band B2+ can interact with a degree of spontaneity that makes it possible to interact with native speakers without effort on one side or the other. At these levels, the focus remains on argumentation, effective social discourse, and language awareness.

This degree of discursive competence is manifested in conversation management (cooperation strategies): providing feedback and following statements and inferences from other speakers and thus helping in the development of the discussion; skillfully linking one's own contribution to that of other speakers. This new degree of speech competence is also apparent in relation to coherence/cohesion: using a limited number of cohesive devices to link sentences smoothly into clear, connected speech; efficiently using a variety of connectors to clearly mark relationships between ideas; systematically developing an argument with proper highlighting of significant points and relevant supporting details.

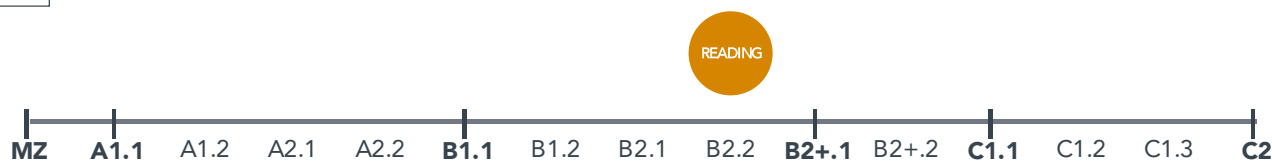
Finally, it is at the levels of this band that negotiation skills and elements of persuasive and argumentative language are developed.

# DISCOVER YOUR RESULTS

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### WRITTEN SKILLS



#### WRITTEN COMPREHENSION (READING)

Based on your results, your performance in the reading skill corresponds to B2.2. You understand detailed information, for example, several terms and acronyms within technical manuals or texts in the user's field of expertise; distinguish between fact and opinion in meeting minutes or in other corporate texts.



#### WRITTEN PRODUCTION (WRITING)

Not assessed



### ORAL SKILLS



#### ORAL COMPREHENSION (LISTENING)

Based on your results, your performance in the listening skill corresponds to B2+.2. You understand most parts of news, TV programs, movies and series, as long as standard language is used; understand abstract interactions, for example, in which there are arguments for and against an issue.



#### ORAL PRODUCTION (SPEAKING)

Not assessed

## EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

# LIFELONG LEARNING RESOURCES

The resources below have been selected by our pedagogic department especially for you and should be explored to the full as to complement your studies. The recommendation is that you expose yourself to this extra content for at least an hour a week.

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.

Einstein

### Some resources for good writing

Improve your writing skills for the corporate world by taking this course on Coursera.

[CLICK TO ACCESS](#)

### By the way, how's your grammar?

Practice tons of grammar exercises in the advanced area on this website.

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### Expand your vocabulary

Expand your knowledge on English collocations.

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### How about developing your soft skills?

Learn the Essentials of cross-cultural interaction with this FutureLearn course.

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